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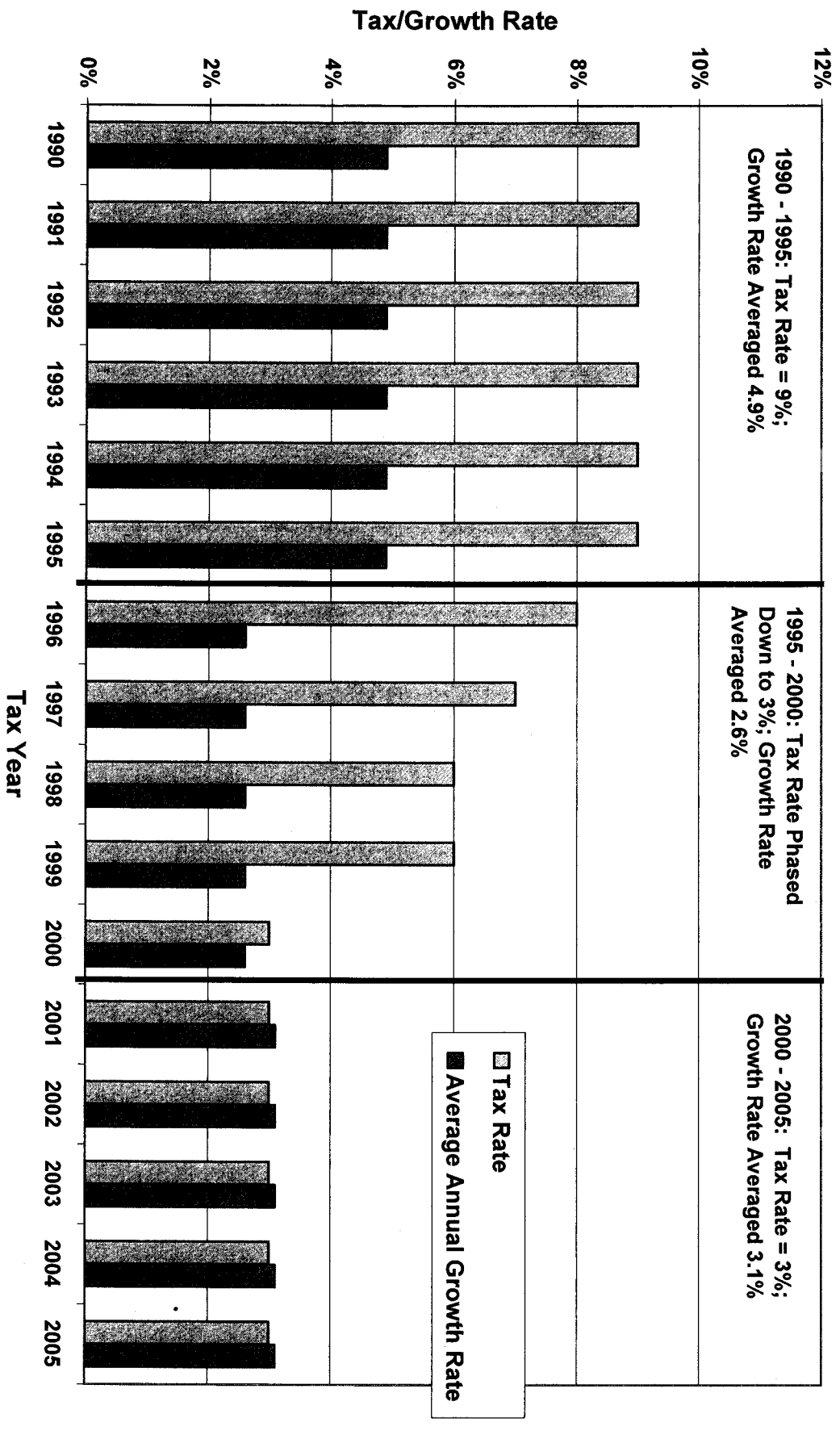


Reduction in Business Equipment Taxes

HB 649

March 24, 2009

Business Equipment Tax Rate and Average Annual Growth Rate Selected Time Periods



Montana Department of Revenue

Presentation on HB 649

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SURROUNDING STATE COMPARISON TAXATION OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY

	Montana	North Dakota *	South Dakota **	Wyoming - Industrial Property	Wyoming - Other Property	Idaho - Personal Property ***	Idaho - Industrial Property ***
Taxable Rate	3.00%	5.00%		11.00%	9.50%		
Average Mill Levy	515.93	434		64	64		
Effective Property Tax Rate	1.55%	2.17%	exempt	0.70%	0.61%	1.15%	1.18%
State Sales Tax Rate		5.00%	4.00%	5.00%	5.00%	6.00%	6.00%
Local Option Sales Tax	****	yes	yes	yes	yes	****	****

* North Dakota - personal property is exempt from taxation. However property used for refining oil and gas and machinery and equipment that are an integral part of a building are defined as real property.

** South Dakota - personal property is exempt from taxation.

*** Effective tax rate from Idaho State Board of Equalization Annual Report 2008

**** Montana and Idaho have local option sales taxes for resort areas.